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Mr. Prowse seems to have got in by a block of five.

Pince has been restored in the Argentine Republic.

Mississippi's Constitutional Convention meets at Jackson to-day.

Longmors majority in the State will not fall far short of 50,000, to which Christian county contributes 113.

Ex-Gov. J. Proctor Knott will be by long odds the ablest man in the Constitutional Convention and should be made Chairman of the body, as he doubtless will be.

Since the State Union has recommended Mr. Ellis, his re-nomination for Congress is placed in the category of certainties. There was but little if any doubt before.

Capt J. B. Martin late, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Clerk of the Court of Appeals, is announced as a candidate for Clerk of the Constitutional Convention.

The Constitutional Convention will be composed of 100 members and will meet at Frankfort Tuesday Sept. 2. Of the 97 heard from 14 are Republicans and 83 Democrats, 9 of the Democrats being Alliance men. Of the other three, two are liable to be Republicans and one a Democrat.

Alabama's Democratic majority is unusually large. Long, the Republican candidate for Governor, was beaten in his own county, hitherto reliably Republican, while his son was elected to the legislature, in the same county, on the Democratic ticket. There will be but four Republicans in the General Assembly.

The Kentucky State Union, the State organ of the Farmers and Laborers Union, published at Bowling Green, is printing the speech of Hon. W. T. Ellis. In calling the attention of its readers to the fact the Union says: "We are proud to say Mr. Ellis is standing squarely on the silver question as is also Capt. Stoe of the First district. It affords us pleasure to record the names of these two gentlemen as friends of our order."—Owensboro Messenger.

The President on Friday signed the bill prohibiting the sale of liquor in "original packages" in prohibition States and counties and on Saturday the "original package" houses in Kansas, Iowa and other dry States were shut up in short order. A house of this sort in Russellville also packed up and quit business. This meets the decision of the Supreme Court and is a victory for temperance and sobriety. In signing the bill President Harrison has done at least one thing that commands him to the country.

The Owensboro Inquirer, whose editor imagines he is running for Congress, is clamoring for a general primary election over the district and predicts "disruption and disorganization" if he fails to dictate the method of nominating a candidate for Congress. There is nothing objectionable about a primary election, but in this instance it is entirely unnecessary and would put Mr. Ellis to needless expense and the people to unnecessary trouble at a time when they are tired of elections. A quiet convention would be just as satisfactory and the same result would be obtained with less trouble.

When Charlie Meacham, of the Hopkinsville Kentuckian, was in Frankfort last winter, securing the passage of the registration law for Christian county, he promised the Democrats of the Legislature that his county would give a Democratic majority if they only could be rid of the floating negro vote from Tennessee and elsewhere, which could be accomplished under the proposed law. How well this promise was redeemed is shown in the result last Monday. The entire Democratic ticket was elected, one of the nominees by a majority of 858. Three cheers for the Democrats of Christian county and for Charlie Meacham.—Paducah Standard.

The Owensboro Messenger says: "The Farmers Alliance elected nine men to the Constitutional Convention, not counting several who made the race as Democrats. If they are all like Daviess county's representative of the order they will be a useful factor in the convention. Their strongest principle is against the extension of the powers of corporations, and they will be useful weights on the scales of the part of some who under the guise of withholding restrictions from trade will give them too much reign. It is perhaps the case that the Alliance men are a little enthusiastic on some points, and will be disappointed in their expectations, but their presence in the Convention will do no harm to any class and it will emphasize the respect that is due and paid the farmer by all classes."

113 MAJORITY.

The Figures By Which Christian Comes Democratic.

THE LOCAL MAJORITY AVERAGE OVER 300. We to-day give the official figures of the late election. There is nothing new, except that the count put one of the Republican candidates 5 votes ahead. The rest were all defeated by majorities ranging from 188 to 858. Longmors carries the county by a handsome majority, the first time in twenty years a state candidate has carried the county.

COWAN'S CLOSE CONTEST.

By reference to the table published elsewhere it will be seen that Prowse is given a majority of five votes over Cowan for Clerk. This is giving Cowan the advantage of two errors in addition to one vote each, one at Hamby and one at Crofton. These were discovered after the count had been made and the Board had announced Prowse's majority to be seven votes. As the mistakes found did not change the result, a recount was not made. The changes from the semi-official figures by which the result was changed were in Hopkinsville No. 4, Bainbridge, Hamby and Crofton. Cowan started in with a lead of 7 votes. He gained 9 in Hopkinsville, No. 4 and 8 in Hamby. On the other hand his majority was 11 less than reported at Bainbridge and Prowse gained 8 votes at Crofton. These changes would have left the result a tie, but Prowse gained 2 votes at Barkers, 2 at Fairview and 1 at Beverly, making his majority 5 votes. This is on the face of the returns, but mistakes have already been found in recording the votes of three precincts that show Cowan to have been elected on a correct record and count of the votes cast. Two of Cowan's votes in Hopkinsville No. 4 and one at Bainbridge were put by mistake in Prowse's column and so counted. At Crofton also two voters recorded for Prowse have made affidavit that they did not vote for him at all. These changes and corrections would show Cowan to have been elected. For these reasons Mr. Cowan has determined to contest the election of Mr. Prowse and will ask the contesting board, composed of Judge Winfree and the two magistrates nearest the court house, (Esqs. Davison and Morris) to have a recount of the votes and correct votes wrongfully recorded and counted against him. One of the votes counted for Prowse is that of Mr. Cortez Leavell, a life-long Democrat, who never voted a Republican ticket in his life. He declares that he voted the Democratic ticket, while he is recorded for the whole Republican ticket. This is clearly a mistake of the clerk at No. 4, Mr. Frank P. Cook, who was greatly hindered and annoyed in the discharge of his work by the disturbance and disorder around the polls all day. The wonder is that he did not make more mistakes than he did in recording the votes. It has also been developed that in Bainbridge and several other precincts persons were allowed to vote the Republican ticket on fraudulent registration certificates, when a subsequent examination showed they were not registered voters. In many instances registered voters who had left their districts were allowed to return and vote the Republican ticket. A great many such cases have already been reported from the southern districts, where the colored people are constantly changing their homes. Even under the registration law an illegal voter occasionally registered and some parties who have not been in the State long enough have been found and a few ex-convicts eluded the vigilance of the officers and got in their votes. There is still another class whose votes will be challenged, viz: those who were illegally registered on July 23, under the ruling of the Clerk that sickness or absence one of the four days was sufficient cause for allowing affidavit registration. This is clearly not in accordance with the law, which provides that sickness or absence on the days not out one day of the regular registration shall entitle voters to register in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Cowan's friends are satisfied that scores of illegal votes were cast against him and are confident that the courts will give him the office to which he has been elected. Messrs. Joe McCarroll, Wood & Bell and Henry J. Stiles will be his attorneys in the case and the contest will be begun at once.

STATE TICKET.

PRECINCTS.	REP.	DEM.
Hopkinsville No. 1	188	127
Hopkinsville No. 2	127	188
Hopkinsville No. 3	127	188
Hopkinsville No. 4	127	188
Bainbridge	127	188
Hamby	127	188
Crofton	127	188
Fairview	127	188
Beverly	127	188
Stuart	127	188
Wilson	127	188
Longmors	127	188
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